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ELIMINATION OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Algeria, Australia, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Hungary, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Sweden, Vanuatu and Venezuela: draft resolution

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and its resolutions on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1/

Reiterating the importance of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, which is one of the most widely accepted human rights instruments adopted under the auspices of the United Nations,

Aware of the importance of the contributions of the Committee to the efforts of the United Nations to combat racism and all other forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin,

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1/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

Reiterating once again the need to intensify the struggle for the elimination of racism and racial discrimination throughout the world, especially its most brutal forms, such as apartheid,

Emphasizing the obligation of all States parties to the Convention to take legislative, judicial and other measures in order to secure full implementation of the provisions of the Convention,

Recalling the urgent appeals made by the Secretary-General, the General Assembly, the meetings of States parties to the Convention and the Committee itself to the States parties to honour their financial obligations under the Convention,

Expressing its appreciation for the efforts of the members of the Committee to explore ways and means to overcome the Committee's current financial crisis,

Welcoming the decision of the fourteenth meeting of the States parties to the Convention to amend article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention and to add a new article 8, paragraph 7, by which the members of the Committee established under the Convention shall henceforth receive emoluments from United Nations resources on such terms and conditions as the General Assembly may decide, and aware of the need to consider that decision during its forty-seventh session,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee, 2/

1. Commends the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for its work with regard to the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

2. Welcomes the innovatory procedures adopted by the Committee for reviewing the implementation of the Convention in States whose reports are overdue and for formulating concluding observations on State party reports;

3. Expresses its profound concern at the fact that a number of States parties to the Convention still have not fulfilled their financial obligations;

4. Expresses once again its concern that such a situation may lead to a further delay in the discharge of the substantive obligations of the Committee under the Convention;

5. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Committee on the work of its forty-first session; 3/

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2/ A/47/481.

3/ A/47/18.

6. Calls upon States parties to fulfil their obligations under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention, to submit in due time their periodic reports on measures taken to implement the Convention and to pay their outstanding contributions and, if possible, their contributions for 1993 before 1 February 1993, so as to enable the Committee to meet regularly;

7. Strongly appeals to all States parties, especially those in arrears, to fulfil their financial obligations under article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to invite those States parties that are in arrears to pay the amounts in arrears, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

9. Decides to consider at its forty-eighth session, under the item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination", the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee and the report of the Committee.

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